



Proclamation

Presented to

Keaukaha Elementary School

WHEREAS, Keaukaha Elementary School--founded in 1930--has provided 80 years of K-6 regular education, special educational services and cultural learning to the Hilo community; and

WHEREAS, Keaukaha Elementary School's mission is devoted to each child receiving a standards-based education and continues to create a safe and nurturing environment that embraces our Hawaiian community; and

WHEREAS, Keaukaha Elementary School prides itself as a "community school," and instills into their students' the idea of "personal pride" and the importance of making a difference in our communities; and

WHEREAS, Keaukaha Elementary School maintains its cultural connections through a variety of school activities for students including the Uluhaimalama Gardens, Kupuna Day, Makahiki, monthly "Ohana Night," Evening of Song and the annual May Day Program; and

WHEREAS, Keaukaha Elementary School has been recognized for its "GOT PONO?" Program; a behavioral program that enhances positive student actions in the academic and social realm of school; incorporates positive values, beliefs and morals that are unique to the individual student, their own 'ohana and the community they represent; and

WHEREAS, Keaukaha Elementary School has increased its academic scores and cultural learning through its partnerships with schools and businesses in the Hilo community including the Keaukaha Community Association, Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center, Keaukaha School Foundation, Keaukaha Parent Teacher Association, Keaukaha School's Community Council, INPEACE, Hamakua Springs, Inc., Alu Like, Inc. and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs;

THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim August 2, 2011 as

"KEAUKAHA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DAY"

in Hawai'i and urge the people of the Aloha State to join us in commending the administrators, teachers and students at Keaukaha Elementary School for their dedication in achieving excellence in education.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-sixth day of July, 2011.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i